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COUNTY LINE

Mr. Harry Nash has returned home from the hospital.

Mr. Paul Saver is in a hospital at Salem.

Mr. Emery Mullins returned from the hospital on Sunday where he had eye surgery.

Mr. Jack Jones, brother of Vernie Jones, is in a Richmond Hospital, where he had surgery. We wish for each of these fine folk a speedy recovery.

Miss Carolyn Harris of Phenix spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Woodall of Lynchburg visited Mrs. Dean Pugh Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Mattie Pillow of Midway is spending a few days with her brother, Mr. Walter Jordan.

Mrs. Yvonne Nash and Susan spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash and Wendy visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Layne and Missy Sunday of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Owens visited Mrs. Laura Ferguson on Sunday.

Mr. DeWitt Harvey is improving at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Nash and Tina visited Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash Sunday.

Mrs. Myrna Nash, Mrs. Yvonne Carson and Susan and Wendy Nash visited Mrs. Nellie Nash and Dawn Kerr Saturday afternoon.

Phillip Banton ate supper with Dawn Kerr Thursday night.

Receive Funds

Grants, provided under Title IV-C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, were awarded on the basis of competitive proposals presented by school division personnel and approved by the Title IV-C office of the Department. Title IV-C funds also finance, in part, 41 other state school projects that have been in progress from one to six years.

Four of the new projects deal with guidance and career education and are being conducted in the cities of Falls Church and Martinsville and in Appomattox and Page counties. The Falls Church project, involving five schools, provides students in kindergarten through grade 12 with guidance in personal growth and career training. A similar project for grades 7-12 in Appomattox County is designed to secure placement for students in higher education programs or careers.

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The Pastor Speaks

Humanity's Worst Creation

Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. John 8:34.

The problem of sin is constantly shared by theologians, philosophers, and the multitudes of people who share an interest in religion.Every generation has this question, How did this curse of mankind come about? What did God have to do with it? Let us look at the minds and kills of mankind. Here is the source of inventions and creations too numerous to think about. Some of these are ill advised. The subject at hand is sin. This is the worst creation of man. Mankind is responsible for sin. The creator is never separated from his creation. The choice of sin is disobedience to the love of God.

What should be done about this monster? First it must beacknowledged as a power that permeates the atmosphere of our existence. If our souls are saturated with love for Christ, and a desire to do His will this monster will lose its power, and we shall never be its servant. The servant of sin accepts sin. The servant of Christ accepts Christ. The servant of sin places limitations upon the soul. Intelligence is in constant danger of being sabotaged by the power of sin. Worldly ambition runs a risk of losing love for God and mankind.

We are poor indeed if for any reason we lose appreciation of beauty. When we live above the power of sin we create beauty and we share this through the lives we live, sin would blind us to the beautiful. Christ opens our souls to the beautiful. God may be seen even in a rose. God may extend His love through any personality who through Christ has seen the sun rise.

Floyd M. Lucas, The United Methodist Church.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dec. 12 - Beef-a-Roni - Buttered corn - garden salad, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk

Dec. 13 - Oven Fried Fish - Green Beans - Buttered Rice - Fruit Jello - Milk

Dec. 14 - Baked beans, W/Franks, cole slaw, potato chips, orange juice, milk, cookie

Dec. 15 - Cream of Tomato Soup -W/Crackers, Sliced Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Turnip Greens
Yellow cake W/Icing, milk

Dec. 16 - Chicken Salad on Lettuce Leaf W/Crackers - Hot Rolls - Candied Sweet Potatoes - Roasted Peanuts - Applesauce - Milk - Cookies

PUBLIC HEARING PLANNED BY TOWN FOR DECEMBER 12th

The Town of Appomattox will hold a public hearing on December 12, 1977 at the Appomattox Town Office at 7:30 p.m. to discuss new Ordinances concerning the Water and Sewage charges and changes in the Real Estate and Personal Property tax rate.

For more information, a Public Notice can be found on the classified page of this issue of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

KNOW-IT-ALL

Lesson for December 11, 1977

Background Scripture: Job 29 through 31; 40 through 42
Devotional Reading: Job 38:1-15

Job was just about perfect. No matter how much he suffered, he refused to abandon God. Withstanding tragedies and deprivations that would have broken most people, Job holds on and keeps the faith.

Rev. Althouse

Yet, as we read the Book of Job we may have the uneasy feeling that there was, perhaps, one feature of Job's personality that was something less than perfect. His firm faith at times sounded a bit arrogant and smug. He is an intelligent man who is accustomed to the discipline of reasoned thought and examination. If there is any complaint at all from Job, it is an expression of amazed irritation that he cannot "figure-out" the reasons behind his present plight and the role that God is playing. He is accustomed to thinking things through and in his present misery he cannot seem to do that.

Out of the whirlwind

Job is a man who places a high value on understanding the world in which he lives. He is the kind of man who wants to see how everything fits together. He is sure that no matter what the situation may be, there is a reason behind it that he can apprehend if he but thinks rationally and deductively. Although the Book of Job was written so long ago, there are still many people like Job who demand that their world be fully rational to the human mind.

In a sense, it is good that people have that kind of audacity, for we must constantly be seeking truth through the minds and intellect that God has given us. Our Creator wants us to use our intellect and our capacities to reason are one of his great gifts to us.

But there are limitations to this intellectual capacity. There is only so much of life that is amenable to reason and logical thought. We must live with the knowledge that man's mental ability lies far, far short of the wisdom of God. Thus, sometimes, smug like Job, we need to be reminded of those limitations as he was:

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" (38:4). "Have you commanded the morning since your days began?" (38:12). "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?" (38:16)

Things too wonderful

When God speaks thus to us as he spoke out of the whirlwind to Job, we may be reminded of our finite, limited minds. We may be reminded that there is always so much that lies beyond our feeble intellectual power. Like Job, we will say: "Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know" (42:3). It is only when we realize our limitations that we come to realize that we are really "Mr. Know-It-All" with all the answers. In fact, the more we know the more we are awed by what we don't know and what we can never know. It is in that humble discovery that "Mr. Know-It-All" begins to find true wisdom.

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DIAL GOOD NEWS
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J.V. BASKETBALL

The JV boys basketball team opens their season Tues., Dec. 13 at Jefferson Forest. The squad consist of ten freshman and six sophmores.

The players are inexperienced due to the fact last year's schedule was cut short because of energy crisis and the cold weather last winter. There are but three members on this year's team from last year, and only one starter.

The players as a whole are shaping up very well. They play a 16 game schedule which includes 15 district games and one non-district game. The team needs your support, so come out and see the Baby Raiders play. First home game is Tues., Jan. 3

Players are Ernest Daye, Howard (Shebo) Ferguson, Andrew Fratrick, Jack Hudson, Marvin Johnson, Timmy Tolley, Timmy Marshall, Steve Mayberry, Phil Paulette, Robbie Robinson, Ronnie Robinson, Darrell Schrock, William Scott, Allen Smith,Darnell Trent and Terry Woods.

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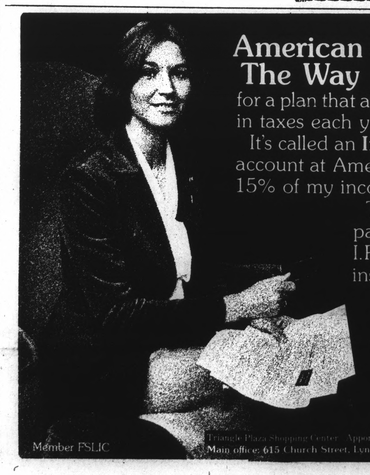

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THEN and NOW!

Part 2 - A Gem Of A Guy

David Bryant - NOW; he may be all grown up and a high school graduate, but he still has that "devillish" little-boy twinkle in his eye. If you haven't met David, you have missed something special!

The growing years of the average boy are usually filled with fishing, swimming, and even roller skating. Do you think that David Bryant missedout on all of this fun? No Way! For as long as he was able, David participated in all these activities and more. For several years he even took part in the Punt-Pass-Kick contests held in Appomattox.

Everyone in the community is famaliar with the Liberty Baptist CHurch Youth Singers and the exceptionally good music heard in their various presentations. For quite some time, whenever their voices were lifted in song, Ddvid's voice was in that group, blending with the voices of friends. That's kind of the way things go for David Bryant, Blending his life with that of his friends--never missing an opportunity for a worthwhile experience.

If David's late grandmother were alive, I have a feeling she would not agree that all he did was worthwhile--quite the opposite! It was when he was quite young, that for some reason or other he had a period of feeling less than friendly with his grandmother. Possibly it was because she loved him very dearly and from time to time, corrected him when she thought he was not living up to what she expected of him.

Just what triggered this particular incident, I don't know, but it was not something to be easily forgotten! David, armed with eggs, (quite a few!!), he went to his Grandma Bryant's house ands began pelting her screen door with eggs! Take a wild guess as to who got the blame for this---his mother! Seems, for one reason or another, Mrs. Bryant thought David's mother, Mary Frances , had put him up to it.

Some years ago there was an auction advertised for the Appomattox area and David kept begging his mother to attend. She patiently explained that they really had no room to keep a pony (that was the truth, but they have since acquired more land) and besides, someone with more money than they had would probably out-bid them. She didn't want to raise false hope. David wasn't discouraged.

Mary Frances attended the sale and when they pony was offered for sale, Mary Frances, at David's insistence, bid $27.00. She waited expectantly, listening all the while for someone to call out a higher bid. There wasn't a sound for a moment and then the auctioneers voice was heard, Going once, going twice, going, going, gone, to the lady and the little boy for the sum of $27.00" Without even intending to do so, she had bought a pony! Mary Frances had to leave the pony tied to a pole while she made arrangements to get it home. Later a gentleman told Mary Frances that he, too, had wanted that pony but saw how much David wantd it and wouldn't dare bid against her.

One bright Sunday morning, when David was small, as Mary Frances was getting out of her car at church, she was approached by a lady of the neighborhood who seemed amused at something. Coming up to David's mother, she said, "Mary Frances, do you happen to have some of those little address labels? You know, the kind that stick easily to packages and things?" Looking a bit preplexed as to why the lady would ask such a question, she answered, "Yes, I believe I do, but right now, I can't think of where they would be - - - somewhere in the house I guess." Laughingly, the lady replied, "They're not in your house!!! They are pasted all over my car and the cars of several others in the neighborhood!"

Seems that David and some friends had been at a loss for something to do and found the labels and got busy! I didn't think to ask Mary Frances what happened to David as a result of this!

David has many, many friends. You would have to see his scrapbooks to believe the number of people from whom he has received letters, and signed photographs. Although David can boast of having exchanged letters with presidents, ex-presidents, other political figures, professional football players, and professionals in the entertainment field, he is just as proud of his friends who are plain "unknowns".

To know David Bryant is to love him and to admire him. He loves his friends and doesn't hesitate to let them know it; He loves God and serves Him to the best of his ability. Just recently when he was home from a stay in the hospital he told his mother, "Get my checkbook, I have to fix my church offering - - I'm going to church next Sunday. He did!

Full of fun, full of courage, A Gem of a Guy - - that's David Bryant, a very special fellow.

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